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SUBJECT: MEETING OF XCSS OCTOBER 21-22: NORTH-SOUTH
ISSUES

REF: OECD 27382

SUMMARY: XCSS REACHED GENERAL AGREEMENT ON CONCEPT OF DIALOGUE AS PRESENTED BY ARCHITECTS, U.S. AND FRANCE, AGREEING THAT APPROACH MUST BE A FLEXIBLE ONE WITH RESPECT TO SUBJECTS COVERED, THAT WORK SHOULD MOVE IN PARALLEL IN VARIOUS FIELDS, AND THAT ROLE OF COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE THAT OF "ENERGIZING CENTERS." DETAILED EXPLANATIONS BY UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON OF U.S. CONCEPT OF DIALOG AND RATIONALE FOR COMMISSIONS WERE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND RECEIVED WIDESPREAD SUPPORT. GROUP RECOGNIZED KEY OECD ROLE IN ASSURING REPRESENTATIVENESS OF DIALOG PROCESS AND PROMOTING NECESSARY HARMONIZING OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY VIEWS, AND AGREED EXISTING MACHINERY OF IEA, HIGH LEVEL GROUPS, AND TWP SHOULD BEGIN TO FOCUS WORK ON DIALOGUE ISSUES, WITHOUT SETTING DETAILED PRIORITIES. CONSENSUS WAS THAT NEXT MEETING OF XCSS SHOULD BE BEFORE CIEC MINISTERIAL, BUT EXACT DATE WAS LEFT OPEN. END SUMMARY.

1. RELATIONS WITH LDC'S AND IMPLICATIONS OF DIALOG FOR
OECD: FOR HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION, SEE OECD 27382.

2. FUTURE WORK OF IEA, HLG'S, AND TUP IN SUPPORT OF
DIALOG: XCSS HEARD REPORTS FROM CHAIRMEN OF GROUPS THAT WOULD PROVIDE OECD BACKSTOPPING TO 4 COMMISSIONS, AND ENGAGED IN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION ON POSSIBILITIES OF PROVIDING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR FUTURE WORK. CHAIRMAN'S
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SUMMARY NOTED SIX GROUPS OF ISSUES WHICH MEMBERS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT: (A) THOSE WITH HIGH ECONOMIC WEIGHT, (B) THOSE WITH POLITICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL ATTRACTION, (C) THOSE WHICH COULD BE IMPLEMENTED AT AN EARLY DATE, (D) ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO OECD MEMBERS, (E) ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO POOREST COUNTRIES, AND (F) SUBJECTS WHERE DIFFICULTIES ARE BEING ENCOUNTERED IN OTHER FORUMS. FRG DEL ARGUED TIME NOT RIPE TO ESTABLISH

MORE DEFINITE PRIORITIES THAN SUCH CATEGORIES, AND FRENCH
PREFERRED TO MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN (A) MEASURES
DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SPECIAL FACILITIES TO LDC'S, AND (B)
MEASURES DESIGNED TO MAKE RESORT TO SUCH FACILITIES
UNNECESSARY. DAC CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS MADE PLEA TO GIVING
PRIORITY TO IFAD, BOP PROBLEMS OF LDC'S, AND BUILDING
INTERNAL PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR NECESSARY ECONOMIC POLICY
CHANGES. SEVERAL DELS MADE REFERENCE TO LISTS RESULTING
FROM PREPCON II, AND U.S. DEL (ROBINSON) EXPLAINED
STATUS OF U.S. LIST, NOTING IT WAS INTENDED AS TACTICAL
COUNTERBALANCE TO LIST PRESENTED BY GROUP OF SEVEN
RATHER THAN LIST OF DC PRIORITIES, AND SAYING U.S. HAD
ENCOURAGED EC AND JAPAN TO SUBMIT LISTS AS WELL.

3. PRESENTATION BY DAVIGNON OF STATUS OF IEA WORK ON
DIALOG STRESSED POLITICAL NATURE OF EXERCISE, NEED TO
CONSIDER OTHER ISSUES THAN PRICE (AND TO APPROACH PRICE
ISSUE ITSELF OBLIQUELY), AND INTENTION OF IEA TO WORK NOW
ON POSSIBLE MANDATE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ENERGY
COMMISSION. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF
HAVING ALL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED IN FINANCIAL TERMS, WHICH
HE CONSIDERED LIKELY IF 4TH COMMISSION GIVEN TOO LARGE A
ROLE. DAVIGNON STATED READINESS OF IEA TO BE AT DIS-
POSAL OF XCSS FOR PURPOSES OF DIALOG WHATEVER ITS OTHER

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RESPONSIBILITIES. ONLY COMMENT ON THIS WAS BY FRENCH
DEL, WHO SAID GOF INTENDED TO WORK ON COORDINATION OF
ENERGY POLICY THROUGH EC, BUT THAT A METHOD WOULD HAVE
TO BE FOUND IN OECD TO FOCUS POSITION OF ALL MEMBER
COUNTRIES ON ENERGY ISSUES FOR PURPOSES OF DIALOG. HE
ASKED GROUP NOT TO OVERLOOK PROBLEM RESULTING FROM FACT
THAT NOT ALL MEMBERS BELONGED TO ALL BACKSTOPPING GROUPS.

4. CHAIRMAN OF TWP, VAN YPERSELE, SUGGESTED, IN ADDI-
TION TO WORKING ON RELEVANT ITEMS IN PREPCON II LISTS,
HIS GROUP SHOULD IN FUTURE EXAMINE FINANCIAL
ASPECTS OF ASSISTING NON-OIL PRODUCING LDC'S, ESPECIALLY

POOREST COUNTRIES. POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF WORK PROGRAM IN THIS AREA WOULD BE TO (A) REVIEW SIZE OF PROSPECTIVE BOP DEFICITS, (B) EXAMINE MEANS THAT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED FOR ALLEVIATING THEM, (C) COMPARING MEANS WITH NEEDS, AND (D) COMPARING ATTITUDES OF OECD MEMBERS REGARDING PARTICULAR MEANS. THIS PROPOSAL RECEIVED GENERAL APPROVAL BY XCSS.

5. SECRETARIAT READ BRIEF WRITTEN REPORT ON WORK OF HLGC, AND AHG CHAIRMAN ROBERT MADE LENGTHLY PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM OF THREE MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY TO TAKE UP DIALOG ISSUES, FOLLOW-UP UN SPECIAL SESSION, AND PREPARE FOR FIRST MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. U.S. DEL NOTED WORK OF HLGC PROCEEDING WELL, AND SUGGESTED AHG CONCENTRATE ITS FUTURE WORK ON KEY FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT ISSUES, INCLUDING SUBJECT OF INVESTMENT CODE.

6. ROLE OF XCSS: GROUP ACCEPTED CHAIRMAN'S APPROACH TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ROLE OF XCSS IN DIALOG WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION. TO THREE POINTS MADE IN ANNOTATED AGENDA (RETAIN OVERALL VIEW OF PROCEEDINGS, WORK OUT COMMON VIEWS, ASSESS THE IMPACT ON WORLD ECONOMY OF MEASURES ENVISAGED), JOLLES ADDED TWO OTHERS: (A) GIVE POLITICAL IMPETUS TO ENABLE FOUR COMMISSIONS TO MOVE FORWARD IN PARALLEL FASHION, AND (B) COORDINATE BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND BETWEEN DIFFERENT FORUMS. WITH RESPECT TO LAST, HE URGED MEMBERS CHOOSE DELEGATES TO XCSS APPROPRIATELY, I.E. THEY SHOULD BE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH COORDINATING DIALOG WORK WITHIN NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS. (FRENCH STRONGLY SUPPORTED THIS ON GROUNDS OF NEED TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY.) JOLLES THOUGHT PRESENCE OF FINANCIAL OFFICIALS IN DELEGATIONS WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL. FINALLY, JOLLES PROPOSED DISTINCTION BE MADE BETWEEN SUBSTANTIVE AND MORE TACTICAL TASKS RELATED TO DIALOG, WITH LATTER BEING HANDLED BY OECD PERMANENT DELEGATIONS IN PARIS. ONLY OTHER COMMENT WAS SUGGESTION BY DUTCH DEL THAT BASIC DOCUMENT ESTABLISHING XCSS BE REVIEWED GIVEN CHANGED ORIENTATION OF WORK SINCE 1972, AND THAT SEC GEN, JOLLES, AND CHAIRMEN OF FOUR DIALOG SUPPORT GROUPS GET TOGETHER ON REGULAR BASIS TO COORDINATE INTERNAL WORK.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: ALL REPS ADDRESSING QUESTION WANTED NEXT XCSS BEFORE THE CIEC MINISTERIAL. EC AND GERMAN REPS PREFERRED DECEMBER 15, DATE ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED BY CHAIR. THEY FELT THAT WHILE THIS WOULD BE TOO LATE FOR XCSS DISCUSSIONS TO INFLUENCE STATEMENTS OF MINISTERS PARTICIPATING IN CIEC, PRACTICALITIES OF TRAVEL

ARRANGEMENTS MADE OTHER DATES DIFFICULT. SPAIN AND
CANADA PREFERRED DECEMBER 12. CHAIRMAN NOTED DECEMBER 13
WOULD ALSO BE POSSIBILITY, AND AT HIS SUGGESTION DATE
WAS LEFT OPEN PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN CAPITALS.
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